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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON PERSONS ACCOMPANYING  
PRESIDENT SENGHOR TO UNITED STATES

REF: A. SECSTATE 099491; B. DAKAR 2585

1. FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON AMBASSADOR  
CHEIKH NA LEYE, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL: AMBASSADOR LEYE,  
A CAREER DIPLOMAT, WAS BORN MAY 21, 1927. HE HAS  
SERVED IN SENEGALESE EMBASSIES AT PARIS, MADRID, AND  
LONDON. FOR SEVERAL YEARS HE HAS BEEN CHIEF OF  
PROTOCOL, FIRST WITH THE RANK OF MINISTER AND SINCE 1974 WITH  
RANK OF AMBASSADOR. DURING PREVIOUS VISITS TO THE US HE HAS  
CONFERRED WITH US PROTOCOL OFFICERS.

2. CHEIKH LEYE COORDINATES A SIZABLE STAFF OF PROTOCOL  
OFFICERS WHO SERVE PRESIDENCY, OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER AND  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AMBASSADOR LEYE, A MEMBER OF LEBU  
ETHNIC GROUP, IS URBANE, CONFIDENT, IMAGINATIVE, AND WELL GROUNDED  
IN PROTOCOL RULES AND PRACTICES. HE HAS ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT  
SENGHOR ON VISITS TO SOUTH AMERICA, EUROPE, MIDDLE  
EAST, AND OTHER PARTS OF  
AFRICA. CHEIKH LEYE ENJOYS CONFIDENCE OF PRESIDENT AND IS  
INVLUENTIAL IN DETERMINING PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULE.

3. HE IS MARRIED TO A FORMER HAITIAN NATIONAL, WHOSE  
PARENTS NOW LIVE IN FLORIDA. MRS LEYE IS CHIEF OF THE  
PRESS DOCUMENTS SERVICE OF THE PRESIDENCY. THEY HAVE TWO  
CHILDREN.

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